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Dear Jennie:

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Enclosed please find enacted legislative chapters, from the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature, affecting water quality standards administered by the Bureau of Land and Water Quality (Maine DEP). The effective date of non-emergency legislation from the past session, unless otherwise provided by Maine's Legislature, is September 13, 2003. These materials are for EPA's review as required by 33 U.S.C. 1313(c).

Chapter 37. Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Recognize the Distinction between Water Storage Reservoirs and Natural Lakes.

Chapter 39. Resolve, to Update Water Quality Criteria

Chapter 79. Resolve, to Study the Implementation of a Plan to Prohibit the Discharge of Certain Wastewater into Coastal Waters

Chapter 134. An Act to Require Public Meetings Prior to Dam Removal

Chapter 165. An Act to Amend a Requirement Concerning Dioxin

Chapter 227. An Act to List Agriculture as a Designated Use in Water Quality Standards

Chapter 245. An Act to Amend Certain Laws Administered by the Department of Environmental Protection

Chapter 246. An Act to Expedite the Removal of Overboard Discharges

Chapter 257. An Act Regarding Riverine Impoundments

Chapter 277. An Act to Improve Boating in Maine

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Chapter 301. An Act to Require the Installation of Dental Amalgam Separator Systems in Dental Offices

Chapter 317. An Act to Reclassify Certain Waters of the State

Chapter 502. An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Storage of Sand and Salt and to Provide Funding for State and Municipal Storage Facilities

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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